

I am strongly opposed to the Digital Television copyright protection as currently proposed. There are simply too many of us who have already purchased expensive HDTV converters manufactured without this feature which will be rendered obsolete. I fear that these increased costs will all be passed along to the consumer and that the intended effect ... to curb piracy ... will be negated soon after the technology's release, as have all previous attempts at blocking piracy through technology. This seems to me to be yet another attempt by the entertainment industry to subvert the old Betamax case which permitted recording of broadcasts for personal use, and will in all likelihood retard the mass-market adoption of the otherwise amazing HDTV technology. Please stop this legislation.